Loss due to Landslides of Sikkim

1886. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of loss of lives and properties due to recent landslides at Sikkim;

(b) if so, the amount of loss assessed;

(c) how much money has so far been released by Government for the relief works at Sikkim; and

(d) whether Government agrees to release more fund for landslide affected people of Sikkim for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) According to reports received from the Government of Sikkim, heavy rains and landslides on 7—9 June, 1997 claimed 57 human lives and damaged 3000 houses mainly in the Gangtok town.

(c) and (d) Three instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund for 1997-98 amounting to Rs. 2.80 crores have been released to the State Government including advance release of two instalments amounting to Rs. 1.86 crores in the wake of heavy rains and landslides. A memorandum was received from the State Government seeking additional assistance for relief and rehabilitation measures. After considering the report of a Central team which visited the affected areas the National Calamity Relief Committee have decided to provide an additional assistance of Rs. 7.00 crores from the National Fund for Calamity Relief.

Statutory Posts in I.D.P.L.

1887. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some statutory posts exist in Indian Drugs and Phrmaceuticals Limited; and

(b) if so, give the names of such posts?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Companies Act stipulates that every public company should have a minimum number of Directors and that companies having a Paid-up share capital of the prescribed amount or more should have a whole time Secretary. These provisions are applicable to the IDPL also.

Requirement of Fertilisers

1888. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of fertilisers in the country during 1996-97 as compared to 1995-96, particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa;

(b) the quantum of requirement of fertilisers met from the domestic production;

(c) the estimated imports of fertilisers made in 1996-97 or proposed to be made during 1997-98, country-wise;

(d) the estimated foreign exchange involved during 1996-97 and 1997-98; and

(e) the total value/quantity of imported fertilisers during each of the last 3 years?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The assessed requirement of fertilisers in terms of NPK in 1996-97 as compared to 1995-96 for the country and the state of Rajasthan & Orissa are given in the Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) During 1996-97, against the total requirement of 169.86 LMTs of fertilisers in NPK terms, 111.56 LMTs of fertilisers in N&P terms were indigenously produced. Since there are no known and